



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY
July 12, 2026 at 10:00am

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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

THE GATHERING

THE PRELUDE

Cello Suite in C Major, BWV 1009, I. Prelude
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE WELCOME

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

In the name of the Father ✚ and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

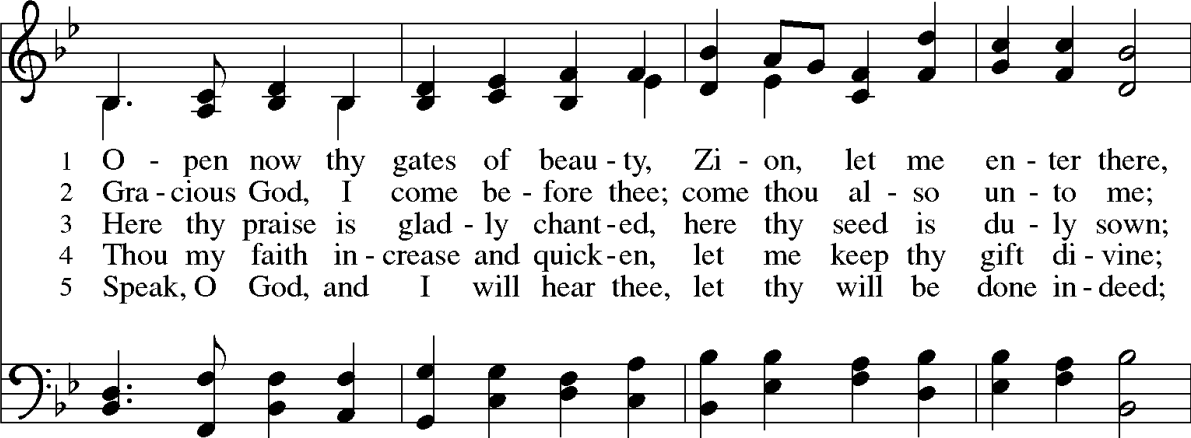
O most merciful God, who hast given thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins: and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of thee, and of thy will, and true obedience to thy word, that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on his name, he giveth power to become the children of God and bestoweth upon them his Holy Spirit. He that believeth shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

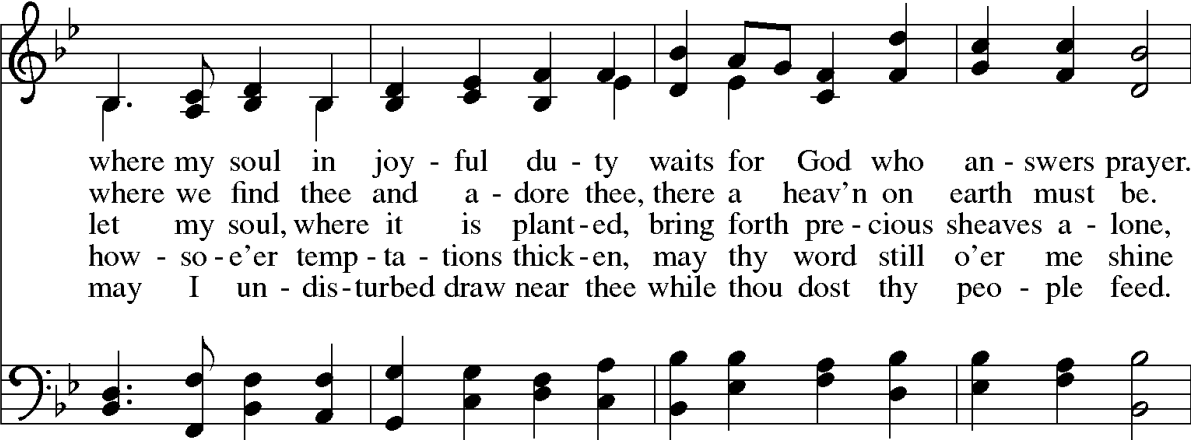
Amen.

THE GATHERING HYMN

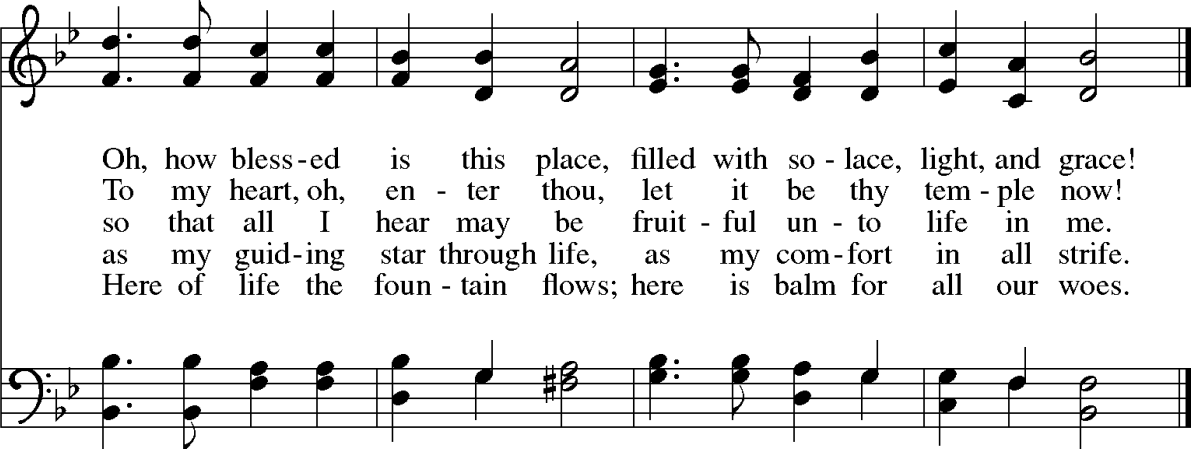
ELW 533 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

THE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 517 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!" "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Here endeth the Gospel for the day.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Pastor Miller

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

Let us pray.

After each portion of the prayers:

We pray,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

The prayers conclude:

These, and whatsoever other things thou wouldst have us ask of thee, O God, vouchsafe unto us for the sake of the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord and Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All may share a sign of Peace.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

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THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Ralph Watkins, Organ

*The offering is received and is presented at the altar.
Please stand.*

THE OFFERING HYMN

ELW 686 – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is indeed meet and right so to do, for in the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.
Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)*

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen.***

THE AGNUS DEI

Setting Ten



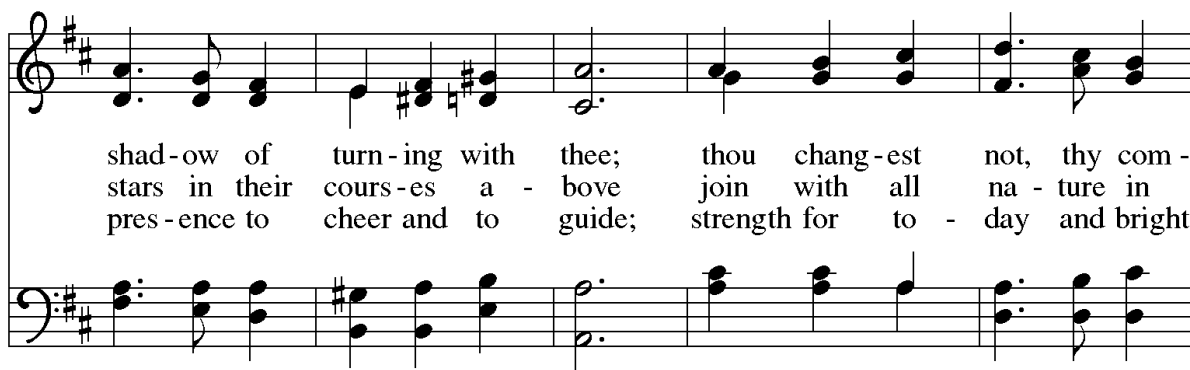
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



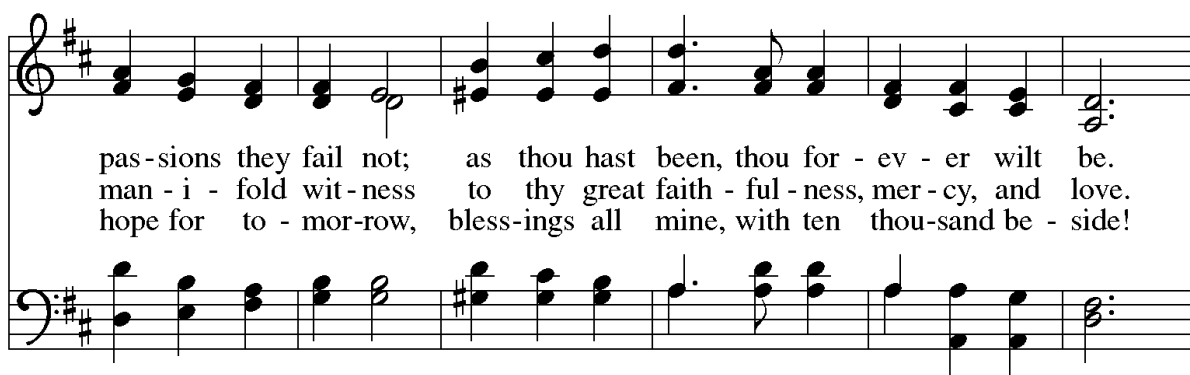
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

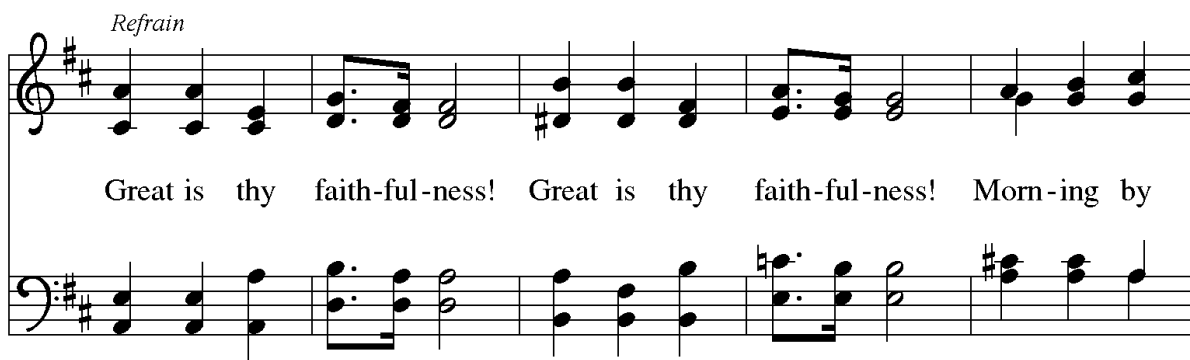


shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

(continued on the next page)

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift: and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward thee, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ thy dear Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless thee and keep thee,

The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, ✠ and give thee peace.

Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN

ELW 545 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains two verses. The third system contains one verse. The music is in 4/4 time and ends with a double bar line.

THE POSTLUDE

Cello Suite in G Major, BWV 1007, I. Prelude
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

WORSHIP LEADERS

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The Rev. Connie A. Miller
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski
Confirmation Pastor

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Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries

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CRUCIFER

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Director of Music

Ralph Watkins
Carillon Guild & Offering Music

Gita Ladd
Prelude & Postlude, Cello

THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Carol Jacobson and Ed Fenstermacher, and in remembrance of the life and witness of Margaret Blumenauer on her birthday.

IT'S OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY

Please know some of the liturgy today and parts of the service are from the Common Service Book of 1917. Other parts today are hybrid with our Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Enjoy the flavor of worshipping years ago and today as well. The word of God is certainly eternal. Also it is a day for community and fun. What might we have worn to church years ago? Do we see some hats? How about ties? No doubt back then 3 piece suits, even in summer – we will pass on that. Thanks to all for some enjoyable creativity!

See you in the Fireside for delicious refreshments!

MIGHT YOU LIKE TO SERVE as a reader of the Scripture lessons on Sunday? If so, please email stluke@saintluke.us or let Pastor Miller know. Thank you for considering this ministry.

NEW CRUCIFERS ARE BEING TRAINED. Might you like to serve? Again, just email stluke@saintluke.us Thank you.

MIGHT YOU BE available on some Sundays to serve as an usher and greeter? A gathering is being planned. If you might be able to serve please see Scott McKay, Usher Coordinator, or email him at smkay@saintluke.us

ALSO, THE MOST RECENT COPIES OF *Christ in our Home*, devotional booklets, are available on the credenzas. They are also available in large print.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931 – Sunday, July 12, 2026

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566 – Friday, July 17, 2026

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

TODAY'S MUSIC

ELW 533 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER

ELW 517 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

ELW 654 – The Church's One Foundation

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Tune: AURELIA

ELW 686 – We Give Thee But Thine Own

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantic Lauda, 1850

Tune: HEATH

ELW 733 – Great is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

ELW 545 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.;

Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, July 12– Pentecost 7A

8:30am Tech Rehearsal

**10:00am Worship – Old Fashioned
Sunday (Hybrid)**

11:00am Social in the Fireside Room

1:00pm Worship (Spanish)

2:00pm The Gathering

MONDAY, July 13

9:00am CDS Summer Camp

7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 249

TUESDAY, July 14

9:00am CDS Summer Camp

10:00am Mary/Martha Circle (Zoom)

5:00pm Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY, July 15

7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom)

9:00am CDS Summer Camp

10:00 am Camp Pastor Chapel

THURSDAY, July 16

9:00am CDS Summer Camp

FRIDAY, July 17

9:00am CDS Summer Camp

12:00pm Food Ministry

6:00pm AA

SATURDAY, July 18

9:30am Quilters

9:30am AA

8:30pm AA

SUNDAY, July 19– Pentecost 8A

8:30am Tech Rehearsal

10:00am Worship (Hybrid)

11:00am The Gathering

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